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Review of Estimates in CIA Publications and other Reports

1. In two publications issued by CIA during the third week in April, widely divergent figures were used for Bloc production and imports of copper during 1951. These were as follows:

	<u>Bloc Production</u>	<u>Bloc Imports</u>
SK-38, Appendix A Economic Factors, (NYC-5-12) 20 April 1953	268,325 MT	66,000 MT
WIB-59, 16 April 1953	323,600 MT	36,100 MT

2. In the case of the production estimate, the 268,000 figure was transmitted by D/S to D/I in an interoffice memorandum during 1952. It, however, appears in at least two D/I draft reports completed in April 1953, and in the ORR contribution to WIB-59, dated 20 May 1953. The higher estimate of 323,600 appears in the final publication of WIB-59, in the ORR contribution to WIB-45 (326,310 MT), and in the contribution to WIB-67 (339,000 MT).

3. Independent estimates of the 1951 copper imports of the Bloc vary as follows:

D/I/RE	80,000 MT	(99,000 primary copper 21,000 copper wire)
D/I/RF	53,000 MT	(primary copper and copper wire)
D/S/TF	36,100 MT	(primary copper)

Each of these estimates have appeared in one or more ORR draft reports without adequate explanation of the basis on which the estimate was made.

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b. Aside from the validity of the respective estimates pertaining to copper, there are several conclusions which follow from this experience.

a. GSI reports should be reviewed with the Accounts Branch of D/A prior to publication.

b. Major revisions of raw material and other basic estimates should be circulated to other interested branches.

c. D/17 should act as a repository for trade estimates as well as for trade compilations. The individual branches of D/1 and D/17 should be authorized to maintain trade estimates for the commodities and equipment on which they have special competence.

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